

# **TOWN OF DAVIE**

## **TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM/PHONE:** Chief John George/693-8320  
Prepared by Lt. William Bamford

**SUBJECT:** Resolution

**AFFECTED DISTRICT:** N/A

**TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING UTILIZATION OF GRANT FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT A DUI ENFORCEMENT AND PREVENTION. PROGRAM.

**REPORT IN BRIEF:** A grant was awarded for the Davie Police Department to implement the DUI Enforcement and Prevention Program with the requirement of a matching share. The approval of this resolution will enable the Davie Police Department to carry out an enforcement program, community outreach project and a campaign against drinking and driving that will increase public awareness to prevent alcohol related tragedies.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** N/A

**CONCURRENCES:** N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Has request been budgeted? Yes  
If yes, expected cost: \$28,958.00  
Account Name: 001-0507-521-0102

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Motion to approve the resolution

**Attachment(s):**

Resolution  
Florida Dept. of Transportation Letter

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING UTILIZATION OF GRANT FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT A DUI ENFORCEMENT AND PREVENTION. PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Town was awarded a grant for by the Florida Department of Transportation to implement a DUI Enforcement and Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, funding for this program is provided by the US Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and

WHEREAS, this grant was previously allocated in the Police Department's budget for fiscal year 2003-2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby recognizes the revenues provided in the Department of Transportation grant and appropriates the same to the Grants for Law Enforcement Account, 001-0520-344.08.04.

SECTION 2. The Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby authorizes acceptance of grant from the Florida Department of Transportation and implementation of the DUI Enforcement and Prevention Program.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

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MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2003



## Florida Department of Transportation

JEB BUSH  
GOVERNOR

605 Suwannee Street  
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JOSÉ ABREU  
SECRETARY

August 7, 2003



Chief John George  
Davie Police Department  
1230 South Nob Hill Road  
Davie, Florida 33324

Re: Fiscal Year 2004 Funding for a DUI Enforcement and Prevention Program

Dear Chief George:

Congratulations, your agency has been selected to receive highway safety grant funds for the above referenced project.

A follow up letter will be sent to you within the next few weeks concerning approved budget items. This letter will include the total amount awarded, an itemized budget page, and the performance indicators by which the subgrant's effectiveness will be measured. Please do not contact our office for this information, it will be provided to you by September 1, 2003.

For your convenience, a Subgrant Application is enclosed, along with instructions for correctly completing it. Your agency may complete the application, and add the budget and performance indicators information, once provided by this office.

We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions, please call Roger Doherty at (850) 488-5455.

Sincerely,

Carla G. Sims  
Traffic Safety Administrator

CGS:njl

Attachments

CP# 110

## Highway Safety Concept Paper

Agency: Town of Davie Police Department

Project Title: DUI Enforcement and Prevention Program

### Statement of the Problem:

Each year persons who drive under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances kill or injure thousands of people in the United States. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that alcohol was involved in 41% of all fatal crashes in 2001. In the State of Florida, 1,264, or 42%, of fatalities were alcohol-related. In 2001, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reported that 2,026 alcohol-related crashes, 1,713 alcohol-related injuries, and 52 alcohol-related fatalities occurred in Broward County where Davie is located.

In the past several years, the Town of Davie has been considerably impacted by an excessive number of drunk drivers. In 2000, there were 434 DUI arrests, 48 alcohol-related crashes and 1 alcohol-related fatality. In 2001, there were 529 arrests, 46 crashes and 16 fatalities. In 2002, there were 492 arrests, 43 crashes and 3 fatalities. This data indicates an 18% increase in the number of arrests and a significant increase in the number of fatalities from 2000 to 2001. In 2002, a slightly decrease is shown in the number of arrests and a considerable decrease in fatalities; however, there is substantial indication that the problem will prevail if proactive actions are not taken to diminish it.

The Town of Davie is located in the center of Broward County and has more than 78,000 residents. Major roadways and highways intercept Davie, including I-595, I-75, the Florida Turnpike, State Road 84, State Road 7/US 441, University Drive (SR817), Flamingo Road (SR823), Griffin Road (SR818) and others. Due to Davie's location, thousands of people commute through the Town on a daily basis.

In addition, Davie is home to the largest educational complex in the State of Florida - the South Florida Education Center (SFEC). This site consists of four universities, one community college, one vocational center, and five Broward County public schools. As a result, this complex has the largest college student population in Broward County, and one of the largest in the state of Florida. Approximately 50,000 people enter Davie each day to utilize the South Florida Educational Center,

Currently 230 businesses are licensed to sell alcohol in the Town of Davie. Unfortunately, many of these establishments are located in close proximity to the SFEC. All of these factors contribute and affect the Town's traffic safety.

### Proposed Solution:

Every single injury and death caused by drunk driving is preventable. By implementing an enhanced DUI checkpoint and prevention program, the Davie Police Department can take unsafe drivers off the road. The purpose of the program is to maximize the deterrent effect by increasing motorists' perception that there is a high "risk of apprehension" if they operate a vehicle while impaired by alcohol or drugs. There is convincing evidence that the use of checkpoints has a marked, dramatic effect on reducing alcohol-related crashes in a community. To implement the program, the Davie Police Department will purchase a DUI Checkpoint Trailer and tow vehicle for use in these operations. The trailer is equipped with two light towers, traffic cones, barricades, generators, signs and traffic control vests. Once set up on-site, the trailer can be used as a work station for Davie Police officers engaged in enforcing DUI laws.

Training police officers to detect impaired drivers under the influence of alcohol, chemical substance or controlled substance is essential. Davie police officers currently receive basic training on detecting impaired drivers and administering the Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST), which includes the finger to nose, the walk-and-turn, and the one-leg stand test. However, additional training will enable officers to become more skillful at detecting DUI suspects, describing the behavior of these suspects, and presenting effective testimony in court. The Davie Police Department has certified in-house instructors that will teach officers how to use the in car video system, court room presentation and the horizontal gaze nystagmus (eye test).

Raising public awareness also is a critical step in preventing alcohol related tragedies. The Davie Police Department will organize and implement a campaign against drinking and driving throughout local colleges and high schools to inform and educate students about the risks and consequences of DUI. This program will include videos, lectures, discussions and handouts regarding impaired driving.

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### Proposed Solution: (Continued)

The Davie Police Department also will implement a community outreach project that includes placing posters and visible signs in strategic locations such as alcohol-selling establishments, alcohol-related crash scenes, major roads and major intersections where many arrests are made. The purpose of this project is to make drivers aware of the harsh consequences of impaired driving, and to reinforce the message that DUI is not acceptable or permitted.

### Objectives:

- To reduce the number of alcohol related crashes and fatalities in Davie by at least 5% by implementing a DUI Checkpoint Enforcement Program.
- To increase the number of DUI-trained officers by 20% by September 30, 2003.
- To raise public awareness of DUI laws, enforcement, and consequences by organizing a community outreach and prevention campaign against drinking and driving.

### Evaluation:

Davie will monitor and track Town and Broward County statistics throughout the program period to determine trends and whether the program is having the desired effect. Statistics that will be evaluated include, but are not limited to:

- Change in number of impaired driving arrests within Davie.
- Increase in the number of convictions resulting from Davie Police Department arrests.
- Change in number of alcohol related crashes and fatalities in Davie.

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